

# COMMUNIQUE

## For Our Supporting Churches

Again the Wikwemikong Fellowship is rejoicing with the baptisms of two more believers – James Tabachack and Leslie Bebamikawe. Board member Bernie Prinzen performed the ceremony.



Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!

## *Dear Friends,*

As I write this, the summer outreach schedule is into it's 8<sup>th</sup> and final week. This season has been one of significance in many ways, attributable only to the working of God Himself. He has blessed the energy and efforts of our many teams as they dedicated themselves to the task of reaching our native friends for Christ. One could write a book on the happenings. Since all those happenings cannot be contained in a letter or report, all that can be done is to impart, little by little, the blessing of God. The Fall Dateline will bring an interesting report.

Already teams are planning for next summer, many of them expecting to do a second week, or in one case, to do a whole month of ministry at the invitation of the band. When a traditional elder was introducing our team leader to her reserve friends she stated, "These people are here to tell our children about Jesus. They need to know Him."

I've just returned from a First Nation west of Hearst. Again my heart was broken as I heard accounts from our native hostess as to what is transpiring there... two recent suicide attempts of 14 year-olds, 12 and 13 year old girls being prostitutes, and only 60% of the children attend school as their parents are too addicted to drugs to get up in the morning and get them off to school. There were many other facts given as well which I cannot list as they have to do with personal, confidential and band affairs.

Again in Wikwemikong there has been another suicide of a young woman of 25 years old. Jody is the third young woman to take her life in just a few months. She had worked at the DayStar Centre a few years back and had prayed to receive Christ. She disappeared from the scene after a break-up with her boyfriend. Death seems to be so present on all our reserves. Recently I did a funeral and a memorial service at Aundeck Omni Kaning. The funeral was for a young woman who died of drug use complications. This morning I spoke with our Wiki Fellowship above RISING ABOVE and being an AGENT FOR CHANGE. PLEASE PRAY as our work is, in many ways, a rescue operation.

If any of you can assist on the financial end of things, DayStar is in need of **additional, consistent giving** to keep the ministry operation up and running, and growing. THANK YOU for your prayers and support in many ways.

*Ashley Hamilton*